

Vintage Style Christmas Stocking

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It's more than 60 years since my sister and brother first hung these handmade Christmas stockings for Santa to fill.

The originals – still extant after all these years – were made from felt and applied by hand with this vintage snowman design.



My sister's stocking had the sequined word "NOEL" on the top band, while my brother's had his name embroidered in red and green thread. I don't have a good close-up photo of my brother's stocking, but the hand-applied snowman design is identical to the one on my sister's.

Both designs were trimmed out with hand-sewn sequins. As kids, we knew it was truly Christmas when the stockings were brought out, and when I see them, I'm flooded with good memories of Christmases past.



When it came time to make stockings for their grandchildren, I decided to go with an updated version of the same design, which I digitized for the embroidery machine.



After the appliques were stitched and trimmed, I high-lighted them with hand-sewn sequins, just like on the originals.



I like the red of the original, but the design looks just as nice done on green. These are fully lined to protect the embroidery and to help them hold their shape, so that in their turn they can become heirlooms that will last a lifetime.

